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**NEW CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT PLESETSK ICBM LAUNCH TEST SITES 4 & 7,  
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1. New construction activity at Plesetsk ICBM Launch Test Sites 4 [ ] and 7 [ ] may indicate a new role, possibly SS-X-16 related, for these two troop-training sites. Six new buildings have been built in the launch areas at each site since August 1974 [ ]. Probable clerestory buildings, similar to a possible SS-X-16-related clerestory building at Plesetsk ICBM Launch Test Site 5 [ ] are under construction in the support areas at each site.

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**Launch Test Site 4**

2. ICBM launch test site 4 (Figure 1) is an SS-7 soft site and remains launch capable. On [ ] construction on six gable-roofed buildings was observed for the first time between the missile-ready buildings and the launch pads. The buildings, approximately 110 by [ ] were completed [ ]. The drive-in buildings have a doorway opening [ ] wide roadbeds were under construction connecting the new gable-roofed buildings to the loop road which serves the launch pads, and steam pipes were being extended to the buildings. Roof vents had been added to the two existing missile-ready buildings.

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3. In the support area a probable clerestory building, approximately 115 feet long, was observed under construction [ ]. It is similar to a possible SS-X-16-associated, drive-through, clerestory building previously identified in the support area at Plesetsk ICBM Launch Test Site 5 [ ].

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**Launch Test Site 7**

4. ICBM launch test site 7 (Figure 2) is an SS-8 soft site; it is no longer launch capable. The rail lines which transport the missile from the missile-ready buildings to the launch pads were removed [ ].

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5. Construction on six gable-roofed buildings was first observed in the launch area [ ]. These buildings are identical to the buildings at ICBM launch site 4 and are also between the missile-ready buildings and the launch pads. Construction of the six buildings was complete [ ]. wide roadbeds were being constructed between these buildings and the loop road serving the launch pads, and steam pipes were extended to the buildings.

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6. Other construction activity observed in the launch area included the addition of a paved parking apron behind the north missile-ready building, roof vents on the north missile-ready building, and widening the turns in the roads.

7. In the support area footings for a new building, similar in dimensions to the probable clerestory building under construction at ICBM launch test site 4, were observed [ ]. Construction on the footings continued at a slow pace [ ].

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